

HOUSE MAJORITY GROWING

Chairman Babcock Figures a Republican Membership of 259.

CLAIMS FORTY-FOUR SENATORS

This Estimate Includes Senator Jones, of Nevada--Report That Benton McMillin Has Been Defeated--Democratic Congressional Headquarters Closed.

On the strength of returns received up to 12 o'clock last night Chairman Babcock, of the Republican Congressional committee, figures that the Republican representation in the next House will be at least 259 members. The changes from the afternoon statement, when 255 were claimed to be elected, are made by one addition from Illinois and three from North Carolina.

The dispatch received last night that caused the greatest surprise was one stating that Representative McMillin, of Tennessee, was possibly defeated. It came from the chairman of the State central Republican committee of Tennessee, and added that the returns of the districts were not all in.

Chairman Babcock also says that from present indications the Republicans will have at least forty-four members of the next Senate, and in this number is included Senator Jones, of Nevada.

The Democratic Congressional headquarters were closed last night, Chairman Faulkner having left during the day for his home in West Virginia.

WAITE MAY GO TO CHICAGO.

His Populist Friends in Illinois Want Him to Be Governor.

DES Moines, Oct. 28.--An evening paper says: Gov. Waite is going to leave Colorado. A well known Populist says that the Governor is thinking over a proposition said to have been made to him to take up his residence in Illinois.

It is said that the People's party of Illinois have taken such a liking to the governor that they want him not only to reside among them, but also to lead them to victory at their candidate for Governor in 1898.

The reception given to Gov. Waite on his visit to the Windy City last week pleased him immensely. It is not probable that if the governor accepts the proposition that he will live in Chicago, but he will undoubtedly take up his residence near that city.

His Illinois friends believe that he will make a good record for governor, and they are anxious to have him come and settle among them.

BAD SHAKE-UP IN MISSOURI

Blair and Champ Clark Go Down, but Dockery Apparently Elected.

St. Louis, Nov. 8.--Returns from seventy counties out of 115 indicate the positive election of the entire Republican State ticket, nearly 100 members of the house of representatives, enough members of the State senate to make that body a political unit, and probably eleven out of fifteen Congressmen, with seats certain in the Fifth and Third.

In the Congressional fight, Dockery, of the Third, Taylor, of the Second, for whom there were strong hopes until now, has surely gone down. Blanton, of the Fourth, and Ward, of the Seventh, are both in the hands of the "silver party." Blair's rural constituency has given him the go-by in favor of John Hubbard.

In the Ninth, Champ Clark has been defeated by Trolan, of Adair, a school teacher, with protection testimonials.

Barthold, of the Tenth, Joy, in the Eleventh, and Emery, in the Thirteenth, are the Republican victors.

The "swamp-angel" district of the southeast, the Fourteenth, where only Democrats were supposed to live, has elected Musely, the Republican candidate. For the first time in twenty-five years the southeast failed to come up rock-ribbed for the Democratic ticket. The anti-farm-swindler men in the Fifteenth district let Morgan at home by 101 in favor of Judge Burton.

Two years ago the Democrats had 92 members in the house, and the Republicans 48. This time the Democrats and Populists combined will not be able to muster more than a strong minority.

RETURNS FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

Republicans Have a Legislative Majority of Twenty-eight on Joint Ballot.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 8.--Reports from all parts of the State are received by the Intelligence.

The Republican majority of the popular vote is about 14,000, a gain of 15,000 over 1892. The legislature will be Republican by twenty-eight majority on joint ballot. They will control both branches, having two majority in the Senate and twenty-six in the House.

The majorities for Congress are: Governor, unconditional, First district, 4,400; Dayton, Second district, 2,000; Huling, Third district, 3,500; Miller, Fourth district, 3,300. These figures will be materially changed by the official returns.

No Kick Coming in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 8.--The Republican State committee yesterday announced its determination to contest the three Maryland Congressional districts carried by the Democrats. Today the committee, after fully discussing the question, resolve that "whereas we have whipped the lives out of our opponents it would be both cruel and useless to kick the party which it has flat on its back."

New York City's Official Vote.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--The official vote of New York city for mayor is as follows: William L. Strong, Republican, 153,948; Hugh J. Grant, Tammany, 108,778; Lucien Paulding, Socialist, 7,781; James McMillin, People's, 6,000; George Gottlieb, Prohibitionist, 560. Strong's plurality, 44,265.

Montana's Republican Majority.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 8.--Lee Mearns, chairman of the Republican State committee, says Hartman, Republican, is re-elected to Congress by 6,000 plurality over Corbett, Democrat, and Smith, Populist, and the legislature, which elects two Senators, will have a Republican majority of 29 on joint ballot.

Morton's Official Vote.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--Complete returns from New York State show the vote for governor as follows: Morton, 668,712; Hill, 514,574. Morton's plurality, 154,138.

Carried Board of Aldermen.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--Republicans have elected seventeen out of thirty-one members of the board of aldermen. The board will have the appointment of the city for assembly districts.

POPLISTS CLAIM TEXAS.

Tremendous Democratic Plurality Wiped Out and Nague's Election Indicated by the Present Returns.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 8.--The Times-Democrat, Athens, Tex., special says: Texas, too, was caught in the slide of Republican victory, but by Populists instead of Democrats. The time-worn plurality of 150,000 for Democracy is a thing of the past.

Today's returns very materially change the situation from that of yesterday, when the Democrats were confident of a plurality of 80,000, which to-night they will be entitled to barely exceed.

Every return throughout the State to-day shows phenomenal Populist gains and may possibly indicate the election of Nague, the Populist nominee for Governor. The State to-night is claimed by both parties.

The Populists claim a plurality of eighty thousand for Nague, while the Democrats only claim the State for Culbertson by 30,000. The Democratic strongholds have been possibly lost, while the Populists are yet to receive returns from a country district.

BLAND'S DEFEAT UNCERTAIN.

His Opponent's Plurality Reduced to Ten by Late Returns.

LEBANON, Mo., Nov. 8.--In reply to a request this evening that he would give the Associated Press his views on the result of Tuesday's election, B. P. Bland stated that he was so overwhelmed with the unexpected nature of the returns from all parts of the country that he was not prepared to give an opinion for publication of the causes which led to the landslide.

He attributed his own defeat, however, very largely to over-confidence among his political friends in Democratic counties resulting in a dangerous falling off in the Democratic vote. He takes his defeat philosophically, and is of the opinion that the Populist victory will prove a valuable lesson to Missouri Democrats.

Additional returns received this evening reduce Dr. Hubbard's supposed plurality over Bland to a number so small that it will require the official vote to determine whether Mr. Bland is actually beaten.

THREE CONTESTS IN LOUISIANA.

Sugar Planters Said to Have Gathered Evidence of Fraud.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 8.--Fuller returns to-day confirm previous dispatches of the election of all six Democratic candidates for Congress in Louisiana by majorities ranging from 3,000 to 10,000.

Republicans announce that they will make their contest with the Fifty-fourth Congress. Attorneys have been engaged to handle the cases and evidence of fraud are now being gathered. Sugar planters are understood to have had spotters in all of the sugar parishes, and are expected to contest the election of Beattie, Korochock, and Coleman seated.

SENATOR JONES' OPINION.

No Revival of Business Expected Until Spring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.--Senator John P. Jones arrived in this city to-day from Nevada, and is highly elated over the success of the silver party in that State. He is confident that the silver party has carried all of the more important State offices. Senator Jones also expressed pleasure over the political upheaval in the East.

"But," said he, "no immediate good results are to be expected until re-employment of silver is carried into effect."

OWENS STILL CONFIDENT.

DENNY WILL CONTEST THE ELECTION IN THE ASHLAND DISTRICT.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 8.--The situation in the Ashland district is unchanged from yesterday. Owens (Dem.), claims 118 plurality, but Judge Denny, Republican, says he is confident of his election when the official returns are counted to-morrow.

If Owens is given a certificate Denny will surely contest his seat in Congress on the ground of the refusal to register Republican votes and on account of fraudulent election day.

HOPE WILL CONTEST.

BOANER, Va., Nov. 8.--Hampton Hope, the Republican candidate who ran for Congress in this (Sixth) district, was defeated by Peter K. Orey, Democrat, will contest Orey's seat. He claimed that 4,000 legal vote cast for him in the district were thrown out by the judges at election. He charges fraud in the eastern end of the district.

HE RET ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--Fred. T. Adams, the broker who has been offering so much money and such heavy odds on Morton's election, won \$70,000 on the election. If Hill had been elected Adams would have lost more than \$250,000.

INDICTMENTS ARE VALID.

Supreme Court of New Jersey Renders an Important Decision.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 8.--The supreme court to-day decided as legally valid the indictments found in Hudson county some time since against the old board of street and water commissioners of Jersey City for malfeasance in office. The indicted officials are: John L. Madden, William B. Cook, Edward A. Dugan, Charles J. Somers, and Stephen P. Deane.

A decision was also rendered in the case of Reynolds against the city of Jersey City and the North Hudson Traction Company, opposing a trackage franchise, in which it is laid down the principle that:

"The trolley system of propelling cars over the urban highways is within the public domain, and that when a statute expressly authorizes municipal bodies to grant rights of way the courts cannot set such grants aside as unreasonable."

"FATHER OF CHICAGO."

Death of William M. Hall, the Well-Known Railroad Promoter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--William Moseley Hall died at his home in New York City at eighty-three years. He was active in the promotion of railway enterprises, was interested in the Panama Canal scheme, and was sent to Central America in 1856 to report on the feasibility of constructing a canal.

He was the originator of the River and Harbor commission, held at Chicago in early days, and his efforts in developing the Chicago harbor won him the name of "Father of Chicago."

Colorado's Legislature.

DENVER, Nov. 8.--The Republicans apparently have a majority of sixteen on joint ballot in the legislature. The senate will consist of sixteen Republicans and nineteen Democrats and Populists. In the house the Republicans will have forty-two members and the opposition twenty-three.

Turney's Majority 4,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 8.--Returns received from the Democratic strongholds in West Tennessee continue to swell the plurality of Governor Turney and it is possible that it may go over 4,000.

HE CHOSE TO DIE QUICKLY

James B. Delaplaine Commits Suicide in New York.

PRUSSIC ACID WAS THE DRUG

Was a Member of the Columbia Athletic Club and Clerk in a Washington Life Insurance Agency--Dependency Over Lack of Means Probably Led to the Deed.

James B. Delaplaine, about thirty years old, believed to have formerly resided in Washington, D. C., was found dead in bed yesterday afternoon in his room in Thirty-second street, New York, says an Associated Press dispatch. The police were notified and Dr. Dolan, who was called, found Delaplaine's body draped and lying in bed. Prussic acid was a bottle labeled "Jussid acid." Life had been extinct for from ten to twelve hours.

On the table was a memorandum in the dead man's handwriting, as follows: "My brother, W. D. Delaplaine, West Shore depot, Hewhewhew."

In the pockets of Delaplaine's coat were a schedule of rates on the New York Life Insurance Company, a letter requesting him to pay his dues as a member of the Columbia Athletic Club, of Washington, D. C., and another from a lawyer's firm in Washington indicating a promissory note, with a request that he sign it.

Delaplaine had lodged at Mrs. Peres' for about a month. He went to the Grand Opera House Wednesday night, and was last seen by Mrs. Peres after he returned home about 11:30 o'clock. It is believed he was without means independent, and that he committed suicide in despair of securing employment.

Upon inquiring at the Columbia Athletic Club a Times reporter learned that Mr. Delaplaine had been a member of the club for about a year. He was a quiet and retiring disposition and was not very well known among the members.

Although a frequent visitor to the club rooms he did not associate intimately with any of the members and was only generally known by a few. He seemed to have plenty of ready cash at all times and was generous in his tips to the porters and waiters.

The deceased severed his connection with the club and left the city some time last April and has not been heard from since. He was well known, so far as is known, had no relatives in the city.

The reporter also saw Mr. Charles Bates, living at the corner of Eighteenth and R streets, who said he had known Mr. Delaplaine and knew Mr. Delaplaine as well as any other member of the club.

"He joined the club about a year ago," said Mr. Bates, "and left the club about six months ago. He was a clerk in the New York Life Insurance Company's local office, and so far as I am aware, did his work in a general and satisfactory manner. His disposition and did not make many acquaintances among the members of the club."

"He seemed to be an honest, intelligent young man who was not very well known so far as I know he had no reason for taking his life. He was a single man and had no relatives in this city."

"It is the habit of Whitford & Co. to collect large amounts of money, having often as much as \$1,000 in the safe. Yesterday they made a deposit of the days collection, and therefore there was only a small sum in the safe last night."

Detective Wendon was summoned from headquarters without delay, and he and his partner went to the store. He was a quiet and retiring disposition and was not very well known among the members of the club.

The neighbors of the injured woman were not satisfied, however, and taking the negro from the officers, carried him to the outskirts of the city and hanged him, ridding his body with bullets.

Opened by Gov. Hogg.

Waco, Tex., Nov. 8.--Gov. Hogg to-day delivered an address to thousands who came to witness the opening of the Texas cotton palace. Fully 25,000 strangers were in the city, and the management anticipates success in this first year of the exposition.

Ohio's Plurality 138,294.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 8.--Chairman Dick's estimate to-night puts the Republican plurality in Ohio at 138,294. It is not believed the official count will vary much from these figures.

Prizes at the Horse Show.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 8.--Lady Jane Grey, owned by Henry M. Earle, Washington, D. C., was this evening awarded first prize for saddle horses at the horse show.

Morton's Total, 668,712.

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SNAP JUDGMENT ALLEGED.

Mrs. Mary E. Gates Appeals to the Court for the Maintenance of Her Legal Rights.

An interesting story is told in the petition to be filed to-day by Mr. B. Newton Donaldson, the attorney, praying that Miss Helen V. Gates, who was appointed by the equity court in April, 1894, a committee of the estate of Mrs. Mary E. Gates, be discharged and required to render an account of the estate.

Mrs. Gates resides in West Washington, and was declared insane by a jury in April, 1891, and since that time Miss Helen V. Gates, was appointed a committee of her estate, which consists of two small houses in the neighborhood of Geo. getson College. Mrs. Gates, in accordance with the verdict of the jury, was sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane April 22, 1891, and was discharged therefrom May 6, 1891. She was readmitted to the asylum on March 18, 1894, and was discharged April 6 last.

Mrs. Gates has resided at No. 1222 Thirtieth street for over thirty years, and it will be news indeed to her neighbors to hear that she has been adjudged insane by a judicial proceeding. She is highly respected and well known in the section of the city where she resides. The neighbors with whom a Texas reporter talked, and who have known her for years, were surprised that her sanity should be questioned.

It is alleged to-day by Mr. Donaldson in his petition that snap judgment was had on the old lady, inasmuch as she was not represented at the hearing, either by attorney or otherwise. The petition states that in 1891 she was suffering from an attack of "grippe" and her physician administered unusual doses of medicine, which had the effect of which she became nervous and excitable; that it was during this period the lunacy proceedings were instituted; that she was not present in person at the proceedings, nor represented by an attorney or any one else, and that she believes if said proceedings had been contested by her they would have rendered a verdict declaring her sane and capable of taking care of her business affairs.

Regarding her niece, Miss Helen V. Gates, the petition avers that she is withheld from the petitioner money to procure necessities of life, and has asserted that she would have the petitioner sent again to the asylum and still maintain her with the threat to have her committed in despair of securing employment.

Nine affidavits accompany the petition, in which the affidavits assert their belief that Mrs. Gates is sane and capable of taking care of her business affairs.

Dr. W. W. Godding, of the asylum, states in a certificate that the petitioner was treated at the asylum for melancholia and still remains there, and that further treatment being deemed unnecessary.

The affidavits of neighbors are of persons who have known Mrs. Gates from ten to thirty years. The affidavits are by Dr. G. R. Lee Cole, of No. 427 Seventh street southwest, and Dr. W. E. Walter, of No. 487 H street southwest. Dr. Cole says he has known Mrs. Gates for many years, and that her condition, and finds her mentally and physically perfectly capable of attending to her business affairs. Dr. Walter made an examination in October and makes a similar statement.

"Love and Life."

Watts celebrated and much-talked-about picture, "Love and Life," which still remains hidden from public view in the Watts general expression was favorable to such a course. It was predicted, also, that in the early future such action would be approved by the national convention.

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DECEASED BY WILLIAM PENN.

Old Piece of Government Property Sold to Banking Institution.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 8.--Charles McKnight, cashier of the National Bank of Western Pennsylvania to-day purchased for that institution the old government property on Pennsylvania avenue and Garrison alley, paying therefor \$215,000.

The property fronts within a few hundred feet of the Pennsylvania river, and extends back to the low-water mark of the Allegheny river. It has always been occupied by the government as a recruiting station.

The property was originally acquired by the War Department as a woodland, the title being given by the Penns at a nominal figure, and improved by the building on the ground area of but little value.

HEARINGS ON APPEAL.

National Union and the District Interested in Expected Decisions.

Two important decisions are expected in the District supreme court to-day. Eva A. Casey wants \$5,000 from the National Union, a beneficial insurance company. She brought the suit in September, 1887, and was given a verdict for the full amount in March, 1892. A retrial was granted and the same verdict was returned in February, 1893.

Uron of appeal from the retrial was reversed last July, and the third hearing has been in progress before Judge Bingham this week.

The other case is the suit of Lemuel E. Mayher against the District for \$20,000 damages by the building of a sewer through Isberwood property. The case is much the same as decided against F. von Stamp last week.

HAD BAD WEATHER.

Steamer Rhineland, However, Safe At Her Dock in Antwerp.

LOOSEBOX, Nov. 8.--The sensational story circulated in New York to the effect that the Red Star line steamer Rhineland was six days overdue at Antwerp from New York and that the delay in her arrival was causing great anxiety, is without the slightest foundation in truth.

As a matter of fact the Rhineland arrived at Antwerp Monday last and is now lying safely at the pier in front of the hotel, and will sail Saturday on her return to New York.

The steamer on her eastern voyage experienced bad weather, which delayed her somewhat in her return to Antwerp, but she was not injured, and arrived at Antwerp on the 6th inst., as above stated.

Dr. Parkhurst Honored.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.--The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, preacher and reformer, was tonight elected an honorary member of the Union League Club at the regular monthly meeting of the club. Until Dr. Parkhurst's name was added to the number there were just a dozen of such members, including Gen. H. M. Miller & Co.'s store, and the post-office building were totally consumed.

The loss is very heavy, but little insurance. As Addison is in the interior, only messenger particulars can be obtained.

Accident to Miss Virgie Howell.

While ascending the steps in front of her residence, No. 611 G street, last night, Miss E. Virgie Howell slipped and fell to the pavement, receiving a severe laceration on her head. She was treated by Dr. Glover.

OLD BOYS WERE THE HOSTS

Sons of Veterans Entertained by Burnside Post, G. A. R.

AN INNOVATION MOST WELCOME

It is to Become a Permanent Feature and Designed to Promote Sociability and Cultivate Cordiality Between the Two Organizations--To Admit Juniors to Meetings.

"The 'old boys' played host to the youngsters last night at Grand Army Hall. The admission was not made by anybody that there were any old boys present, but the veterans were there in the uniform of thirty years ago, and there were others present whom the veterans called sons.

The occasion was in a large degree typical of a family reunion, Burnside Post No. 8, G. A. R., having invited the officers and members of the Maryland Division of Sons of Veterans resident in Washington to sit with them in their headquarters and participate in a miniature campfire.

This, by the way, is an innovation in Grand Army circles, but it is designed as a permanent feature, to serve as a means of cultivating a greater degree of cordiality between the two organizations.

Among the guests of the evening were Maj. Sues, the division commander; Reid, John B. Neely, Quartermaster Irwin W. Ald, Surgeon A. Hall, Post Capt. Shelton F. Cameron, S. F. Hodgson, and C. S. Davis, while representatives came from Post No. 10, G. A. R., and the Sons of Veterans, Gen. John A. Logan, Gen. George H. Thomas, and Gen. John C. Fremont Camps.

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